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SUBJECT: CSCE AND SOVIET TIMING

FOR HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT FROM HYLAND

1. AS YOU REQUESTED, FOLLOWING IS INR RUNDOWN ON SOVIET VIEW OF TIMING RELATED TO UPCOMING EVENTS, ESPECIALLY CSCE.

2. SOVIET PRESS SPOKESMAN ZAMYATIN SAID IN PARIS LAST WEEK THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE CSCE SUMMIT WOULD BE HELD IN HELSINKI "DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1975." IN POINT OF FACT, SOVIET INTERESTS WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY WELL SERVED IF THE CURRENT STAGE OF CSCE WERE TO CONCLUDE BY MAY, WITH A DECISION THAT STAGE III WOULD BE CONVENED AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL BY MID-1975.

3. IN THEIR RECENT BILATERAL SUMMITS WITH THE US, WEST GERMANY, AND FRANCE, THE SOVIETS CLEARLY HAVE BEEN AIMING AT A SCHEDULE THAT TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAILOR THEIR TACTICS AT  
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GENEVA TO FIT IT. WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE CSCE IN

SIGHT BY MAY:

(A)--THE OBSERVANCE THAT MONTH OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE COULD FOCUS ON CSCE RESULTS AND WITH MORE RESONANCE ABROAD.

(B)--A CELEBRATION TO COMMEMORATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW PACT MIGHT BE EASIER TO CONVENE.

(C)--A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE WOULD ALSO BE EASIER TO CONVOKE, AND IT COULD LOOK BACK ON CSCE ACHIEVEMENTS AND THEREBY AVOID MORE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES.

4. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE WARSAW PACT MEETING LAST APRIL SAID THAT "VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED" ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE WARSAW TREATY ANNIVERSARY IN MAY 1975, BUT CLEARLY NOTHING HAD BEEN AGREED UPON. THE COMMUNIQUE OF A CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN OCTOBER DEVOTED TO THE CONVOCAION OF A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE SAID ONLY THAT "A DESIRE WAS EXPRESSED" THAT THE CONFERENCE MEET NO LATER THAN MID-1975. HOWEVER, SOVIET DELEGATE PONOMAREV SAID IN HIS SPEECH THAT THE SOVIETS WERE ASSUMING THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD "AFTER THE END OF CSCE." INGERSOLL

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